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PLAIN TALK

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No. 1.

PLAIN TALK PASTIMES.

THE PUZZLE WORD.—One goes out of the room, and the others agree upon a word, which is to be found out by asking questions, such as, "Does the thing you have named fly?" "Does it walk?" "Does it sing?" "Does it speak?" "Does it grow?" etc. If the questioned cannot find out from the answers given, a forfeit must be paid.

SHADOW PANTOMIME.—This is a very pleasant evening amusement for boys. A sheet is suspended from the ceiling and drawn tightly across the room, with a lamp behind. The actors go through a variety of pantomimic gestures, which are projected on the sheet, and any fairy or nursery tale may be thus acted. By jumping over the lamp the figures seem to be going through the ceiling.

UNCONSUMING FLAMES.—You may seem to destroy an article, as a bank-note, a letter, or a handkerchief, by pouring on it spirits, good brandy, etc., which will burn more in the air than on the things saturated with it, and which has an inflammable residue so water-like as to put the fire out. A handkerchief, well soaked in white of egg and alum, is also incombustible.

TO GUESS SEVERAL CARDS CHOSEN AT RANDOM.—Show as many cards to each person as there are persons to choose; that is to say, three to each if there are three persons. When the first has thought of one, lay aside the three cards among which he set his choice. So with the next two per-

sons, and then spread out the three first cards face up, and above them the next three, and above these the last three, so that all the cards may be in three heaps of three each. Then ask each person in which lot is the card he thought of, and this much known, you can tell the cards, for the first person's card will be the first in the heap to which it belongs; the second's will be the second of that next heap, and the last person the third of the last heap.

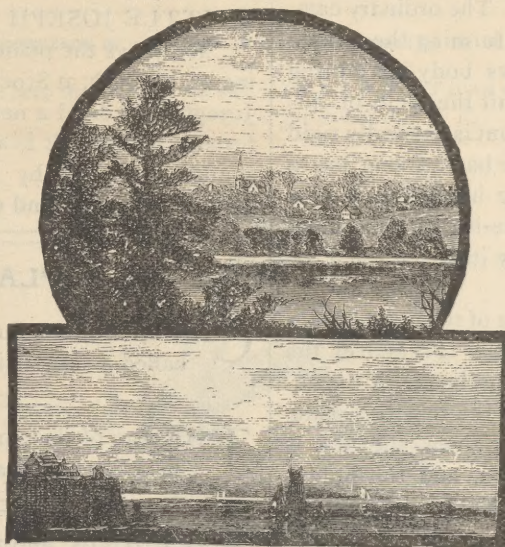
TRICKS WITH FIGURES.—The trick of transposing three figures is one that will convey a good deal of mystery to one not posted. Tell your friend to write down any three figures side by side, then to place the same figures transposed or reversed under them, subtract, and if he tells you the right hand figure of the remainder, you will guess the whole remainder instantly. The key to the trick is, that when he tells you, for instance, that the right hand figure of his remainder is 4, you can consider for a certainty that the middle figure

is 9, and then if you make a mental deduction—taking the right hand figure from the middle one 9, you will have the third figure of the answer, 5—making the answer 594.

Example:

First line,	- - 694	322
Transposed,	- - 496	223
Remainder,	- - 198	99

Exception.—If the two end figures are alike, for instance 393, the figures transposed will be the same, and there will be no remainder. Hence if your opponent states that the first right hand figure is 0, you tell him the answer is nothing or 000.



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AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY.

CONDUCTED BY C. RAE SMITH.

ON THE CHOICE OF APPARATUS.—Continued.

ANY leakage of light in the interior of the camera or plate-holder will be fatal to good results. The tripod should be firm and steady, and, moreover, easily adjusted. When capable of being folded in small compass, both portability and convenience are secured. Many beginners have the idea that they can buy a second-hand apparatus to advantage, but this is a fallacy, and frequently leads the amateur astray by giving him numberless difficulties to contend with in the shape of leaky cameras, ill-fitting holders, shaky tripods, and worthless chemicals. The purchaser of "bargains" generally spends more in the long run to make his purchase available than he who invests in a new outfit at once, besides having a long list of failures which are not at all of an encouraging nature. The ordinary camera is composed of two frames, forming the camera box, joined by a flexible bellows body permitting the camera to be extended to suit the focus of different lenses. The frame in front is generally rigid and supports the lens, while the back frame has a ground glass frame for focusing hinged to it in a manner that will permit the plate-holder containing the sensitive dry plate to occupy its place when the focusing frame is removed.

To make an exposure, the slide of the plate-holder is withdrawn, and it only remains to uncover the lens to allow the light forming the image of the objects reflected, to impinge upon the sensitive plate. The necessary time having been given, the lens is recapped, the slide again inserted, and the holder removed ready for the development of the plate.

WE CHEERFULLY invite all those engaged in the fascinating art to send short items of interest.

THE Brooklyn Academy of Science has organized a Photographic Section for practical instruction.

AMATEURS may send us specimens of their work with memorandum of scene or subject, and those considered worthy we will have photo-electrotyped and reproduced in these columns with a brief sketch of the artist.

NEWS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FROM HAYSEED COUNTY GAZETTE.

PAP TOMSON'S pigs wandered into the village last Friday, and were arrested by Officer Bunce.

THE Firemen's Ball occurs next Monday night. Wayback Hance, our enterprising grocer's brother, from Philadelphia, is now in town getting his "load" on for the occasion.

A HOLE as large as a ham has mysteriously appeared in Geo. Hance's new sealskin cap. George says he was caught in the late storm with the umbrella Sadie Jones gave him Christmas, and the rain drippings from the same ate the hole and would have had the whole hat had he not thrown it away.

LITTLE JOSEPH STUFFMAN, the boy wonder, plays the piano with one foot while standing on his neck, at Stockton's Hall to-night. Little Joseph has added a new feature since his last performance here. It is a combination of melodious sounds produced by whistling through a porous plaster with one hand without the aid of his necktie.

PLAININGS.

CAN the waiter's inquiry, "Soup or fish, sir," be called a superficial question?

THE way of the car-driver is smooth but he appears to be a man of many woes (whoas).

A FASHION journal says there is a knack in putting on gloves. Got to get you hand in, so to speak.

WE SUPPOSED the practice of bleeding had been discarded by the doctors, but the bill just received from our M. D. leads us to believe that the practice is still in vogue.

"THE last time I dined here I found several hairs in the hash. Sure there's none in this, are you?"

"Sure, sah. I done took 'em all out 'fore I brought it in, sah."

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• PLAIN TALK •

THE FIRST DAY.

THE winter had gone,
'Twas a beautiful morn
In the earliest part of the Spring ;
When a cranky old gent,
Full of business bent,
Stepped off the horse car with a swing.

And soon at the store
He found a locked door,
And wondered awhile what it meant ;
"It's something that never
Has happened before,"
Quoth this cranky, rheumatic old gent.

Then he started uptown—
In a car settled down
To scan o'er the news on the way ;
He soon saw the reason,
'Twas the Ball Tossers' season—
The Polo Grounds opened that day.

"It seems very queer
There's nobody here,
Not even the cashier, by Jove ;
The porter, I fear,
Is filled up with beer,
And sleeping in some quiet cove."

"But, great goodness sake !
Have I made a mistake ?
If it's Sunday I must be a jay ;
But it can't be," he sighed ;
"I am now satisfied
It must be some great holiday."

—CONN.

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MISTRESS (to New Servant)—"We generally have breakfast at about 7 o'clock."

New Servant—"All right, Ma'm ; if I ain't down down by that don't let the things get cold waitin' for me."

IF THE coinage of the half-cent piece was revived it would give newspaper men a chance to do as others do when the contribution box is passed.

"THIS House For Sale or To Let," is the only tangible sign of Spring seen thus far.

THE baseball season is opened, and in Brooklyn, where the Sunday games flourish, the same old last year's gag is being worked by married men : "Must go out for a walk to get a mouthful of fresh air after being cooped up for six days," etc., etc.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y., APRIL, 1888.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Until June 1st subscriptions to Plain Talk, without Premium, will be received at 25 Cents per annum. New and highly interesting departments introduced this month, and the paper placed within the reach of every youth in the land. The cheapest good paper in America to-day. Subscribe now. Twenty-five cents a year in advance, only until June 1st; after that 50 cents.

ITEMS of interest relating to any of the departments of this paper are always accepted with thanks.

READ the cash prize offered on page 9 for best short item of philatelic interest of not more than fifty words length.

WITH this number PLAIN TALK enters upon the fourth year of its career, and what a career it has had! Started three years ago a small four-page monthly for the sole object of furnishing amusement to its proprietors, it received an instantaneous patronage from advertisers that compelled its continuance upon a business basis. From a circulation of 500 it has grown to 7,500 copies monthly.

PLAIN TALK'S PRIZE PROBLEMS.

PLAIN TALK'S Prize Problems are open to anybody and everybody. Any person receiving a Sample Copy of the paper is entitled to compete for the prize offered in the current number. Regular subscribers, however, have the advantage of competing twelve times a year, or during the continuance of their subscription, with the chance, of course, of winning something worth many times the cost of their subscription.

When two or more correct answers to a problem are received, the winner will be decided by a hat drawing.

The names of the winners and all competitors sending the correct answer will be published monthly, and all persons (not subscribers) sending the correct answers, who are unlucky at the drawing, will be offered an opportunity of subscribing to PLAIN TALK at the reduced price of Thirty Cents per annum.

All answers must be in by the 5th of the month, and any person (not a subscriber) wishing a copy of the next number containing a solution of problem and the names of winners, must send with his answer 5 cents in stamps for the copy.

THE WINNERS.

THE winners of prizes for our April problem were Mr. J. C. Fullmen, Princeton, Iowa, who won first prize, and Esther Rowley, Fitchburg, Mass., second. The other persons sending the correct answer were Mr. C. H. Bunger, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Bennie A. Cottlow, Shelbyville, Ill. The correct answer was

$$\begin{array}{r} 59\frac{1}{2} \\ 40\frac{3}{4} \\ \hline 100 \end{array}$$

PRIZE ACROSTIC FOR MAY.

A COUNTY in Texas, one in Illinois, in New York, in Iowa, in North Carolina, in Louisiana, in Alabama, and in Kentucky. My primals name a town, and my finals the State in which it is situated.

We will give free one year's subscription to PLAIN TALK, and one Gaskell's Compendium (together worth one dollar and fifty cents), to the person sending the correct answer to the above acrostic, and complying with the requirement at top of page, as to enclosing five cents for copy of paper.

If two or more correct answers are received, two prizes will be awarded, the second for PLAIN TALK for six months and Gaskell's Compendium.

"I WAS very much pleased with Gaskell's Compendium, and consider it worth trying for." Edward Mooney, winner of prize in Jan. No.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERALOGY.

CONDUCTED BY FRANK MYERS.

GEM RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY GEO. F. KUNZ, OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

SPINEL.—Spinel has been only occasionally met with in gem form in the United States. From the locality near Hamburg, Sussex County, New Jersey, may be mentioned specimens of a smoky-blue, a velvety-green, and a dark-tinted claret color; they are all very good gems and weigh about two karats each. Some half dozen very fine ones from San Luis Obispo, California, of very good quality and weighing about two karats each, are also worthy of note.

TOPAZ.—Topazes have been found in Arizona, New Mexico, and occasionally in Southern Colorado. Those from the last-named locality are of a beautiful light-blue color, and one of them weighed over thirty karats. They have also recently been found at Pike's Peak, Colorado, and more recently at Stoneham, Maine. At both the last-named localities they occur in large crystals, but if cut into gems would afford only small stones of little value. The color of the Pike's Peak topaz is light blue, and it is quite clear. The price of such stones is regulated by the color, perfection, and size. The supply yields less than \$100 a year at present; but it is probable that this amount will be increased in the near future by the Pike's Peak production.

BERYL, EMERALD, AQUAMARINE.—Emerald has been found at Stony Point, Alexander County, N. C., in crystals, some from eight to ten inches in length associated with hiddenite, rutile, and garnet. The crystals as a rule have a white core, and although as mineral specimens they are grand, yet few gems have been found up to the present time, and these of second grade. Future developments may, however, bring some fine gems to light. Beryl, spodumene, and the associated minerals have been found on the Lyons property, adjoining that of the Emerald and Hiddenite Mining Company.

Aquamarine has been found at a number of localities in America, the principal among them being Royalston, Massachusetts; Actworth, New Hampshire; Grafton, Vermont; Burke county, and Stony Point, North Carolina; Paris, Maine; Fitchburg, Massachusetts; and Ayondale, Pennsylvania. The richest known gems from any known locality

have been found at Royalston, Massachusetts, and although small are almost as blue as the sapphire. Large clear gems of a light-blue and sea-green tint have been found at Actworth, Grafton, and Stony Point, at the latter locality shading into the beryl-emerald. At Stoneham, Maine, two fine crystals have been found in a pasture; one of which will furnish a fine blue gem over twenty karats in weight. The crystal of which only one-half was found is 5 inches long and 1 inch across; it is equal in color to any from Siberia, but has been badly broken by frost or by the hand of some one who was ignorant of its value.

The entire amount of beryl gems found in the United States in the last ten years would not bring over \$2,000, and they are scarcely known to others than collectors.

PHENAKITE.—Phenakite has recently been found at Pike's Peak, Colorado, in crystals of sufficient size and quality to furnish fair gems. Some fair sized crystals of remarkable clearness were found here recently. They are equal in point of quality to any found elsewhere, and further finds may produce crystals equal in size to those from Siberia. Though rare, this gem is colorless, and hence its value is almost purely mineralogical.

ZIRCON.—Zircon has not yet been found in this country in pieces sufficiently large or good to warrant cutting. Some very small crystals of good color have been found in Burke county, North Carolina, and the ends of some of the Saint Lawrence county, New York, zircons might cut into very small imperfect gems; but nothing further of more than mineralogical value has been found.

GARNETS.—The garnets found in New Mexico and Southern Colorado, and there called "rubies," are as fine as those from any other known locality, the blood-red being the most desirable. Very fine almandine, hyacinth yellow, and other colors, are also found associated with olivine and sapphire. Chester county, Pennsylvania, has afforded some fair gems, and some quite fine ones have been found at Stony Point, North Carolina, and at other localities, but the only ones used as gems are from New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado, which yield annually about \$5,000 worth of cut stones. As an example of their quality, a remarkably fine one was sold to a gem connoisseur for \$50, but equally good stones have often sold for much less.

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DEPARTMENT EDITOR, CH. DORMIN,
Sec'y Stampadelphia M. Y. O. B. P. A.

THE *Ohio Philatelist* is small but good.

THE *Texas Philatelic Journal* is no more.

THE *Charleston Philatelist* is on the improve, the April issue being provided with a cover.

IT COSTS the government less than ten cents a thousand to manufacture the present adhesive stamps.

THE *Figaro* gives a portrait of Jos. J. Casey as a frontispiece for binding with its index to Vol. I.

DEALERS are offering to pay 50 cents a thousand for U. S. envelope stamps of any denomination, cut square.

A WORD to young collectors: Put only genuine stamps in your collection, and be sure all are in good condition.

THE *Buckeye State Collector* is soon to publish an article on "Canadian Revenues," which promises to be of more than usual interest.

THE *Collectors' World* hails from Williamsville, Mass., and W. B. Hale is the editor. A part of the paper is printed in alleged German.

A NOVEL idea among collectors of medicine stamps is to arrange their specimens on a sheet of card-board in the shape of a bottle.

J. W. SCOTT appears to the philatelic public once more as editor of the revived *American Journal of Philately*. This journal, by the way, presents a fine appearance typographically, and seems likely to meet with a warm welcome from collectors.

THE *Philadelphia Philatelist* has appeared.

KREBBS BROS.' *International Philatelic Advertiser* is developing into a very readable magazine.

OF THE private proprietary stamps of the U. S., nearly five hundred distinct varieties are catalogued.

A. B. HULBERT, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., is prepared to furnish interesting articles for philatelic papers.

THE *Denver Collector's Review* has been sold to Chas. G. Woodworth, but Messrs. Babb & Carstarphen will remain as editors.

JOHN K. TIFFANY contributes to the *Youth's Ledger* a continued article on "How to Distinguish the Dies of the U. S. Envelopes." It is of much interest.

AFTER taking a long vacation Stanton has again issued the *Philatelic Tribune*. He has discarded the patent inside and the paper presents a much better appearance than formerly.

THE "Richwood's Dispatch" stamp is causing considerable discussion among philatelists, but so far as we can judge is entitled to be ranked as a genuine local. A new design has recently been prepared, triangular in shape, with a portrait of Mr. Jas C. Joy in the centre.

GUMMED paper for hinges should be cut about $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{5}{8}$ inches in size. Stick one end to the top of the stamp, bend over and stick to the album or sheet. The stamp can then be readily turned up for inspection of watermark, etc., or removed to give place to a better specimen.

CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, the enterprising Akron, O., dealer, has in preparation a philatelic directory which will be of real value. He proposes to give, first of all, the collector's name and address; then size of collection; whether he or she collects in a general way, or has a specialty, and what it is. Also, if a member of any and what philatelic societies. No charge will be made for the insertion of names. The price of the directory will be twenty-five cents.

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THE *Kentucky Stamp Magazine* is announced to appear from Covington, Ky.

ITEMS of current news and gossip are wanted for this department. Address Ch. Dormin, Plain Talk Publishing Co., 61½ Patchen Ave., Brooklyn.

AN AMERICAN Philatelic Press Association is proposed. The editor of this department is in favor of the idea and will do all he can to help on the good cause.

THE very best reason which can be given for encouraging the boys, and the girls, too, in making collections of stamps is the knowledge thus acquired of geography and the values of the different national currencies. I know two boys who have within a few months made surprising advancement. It is time the old saying, "Give the boys fits," was changed to "Give the boys stamps."—*L., Prov., R. I.*—[Prize item.]

FOLLOWING is the *Quaker City Philatelist's* ticket for the next board of officers of the A. P. A.:

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FOLLOWING are brief notes regarding some of the more recent new issues of stamps:

—The U. S. 5c. Garfield is now printed in dark blue.
—Belgium has a new postal card, as has also Bulgaria.
—The Argentine Republic has a new set of both adhesives and envelopes.
—Bulgaria is also to have a new set.
—The P. O. department, New South Wales, recently offered prizes for designs for a new series of stamps, and over two hundred and fifty persons submitted sketches. It is said that the designs selected are very handsome.

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5 paras—Purple and live purple.
25 piastres—Black and grey.

VARIETIES.

- (a.) Unperforated.
5 paras—Purple and live purple.
25 piastres—Black and grey.
- (b.) Perforated 13½.
5 paras—Purple and live purple.
25 piastres—Black and grey.

These two stamps failing, recourse was had to a substitute, and with them two other stamps appeared for the same reason, perhaps, and perforated 13½.

5 paras—Black and white.
2 piastre—Vermilion and live blue or sky blue.
5 " —Green blue and live green.
25 " —Bistre and live bistre.

VARIETIES.

Unperforated.
5 paras—Black and white.
2 piastres—Vermilion and sky blue.
5 " —Green blue and live green.
25 " —Bistre and live bistre.

Later the supply of the 10 paras stamps failing provisionally, the 20 paras was employed at the post offices of Thirapia and Galata, cut diagonally and surcharged 10 in blue.

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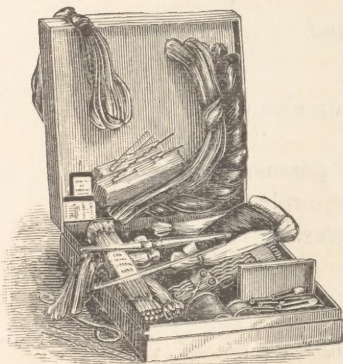
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
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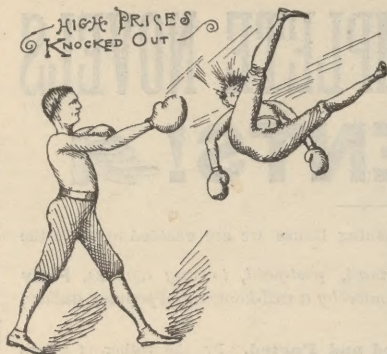
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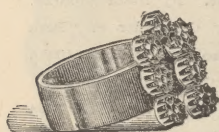
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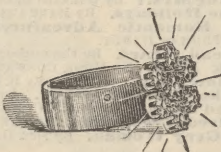
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